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RE: Final SPS-9A Construction Report

Dear Mr. Stoski:

Please find enclosed the final version of the LTPP SPS-9A Construction Report for the test site located on Highway 3 near Fort McLeod, Alberta. Addressed in the final report are all of the comments we received upon review of the draft.

We trust you will find this report adequate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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# Fort Macleod, Alberta SPS-9A Construction Report on SHRP 81A900

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#### INTRODUCTION

The SPS-9A experiment program is the first part of a multi-stage approach to validate the Strategic Highway Research Program's (SHRP) Superpave Asphalt Binder Study. Premature pavement failure due to numerous site specific variables is a common problem across the country. Most highway agencies have developed a standard asphalt paving mix which they use for most highway construction throughout the state/province. This study is designed to develop a method that will produce guidelines for pavement design that is site-specific, taking into account the traffic, environment, and pavement type. An asphalt pavement mix that utilizes site specific variables should decrease the risk of many premature pavement failures.

#### **SPS-9A Objectives**

The primary objectives of the Superpave Asphalt Binder Study experimentation are to:

- Evaluate and improve the practical aspects of implementing the Superpave program through hands-on field trials by highway agencies.
- Compare the performance of the Superpave mixes with mixes designed with current highway agency practices.
- Provide long-term performance data for evaluation and refinement of the Superpave specifications and design procedures.
- Test the sensitivity of the Superpave asphalt binder specifications for distress factors such as fatigue, low temperature cracking, and permanent deformation.
- Provide highway agencies the opportunity to evaluate the performance of other experimental modifications by the construction of supplemental sections.

The SPS-9A experiment requires construction of a minimum of three test sections at each site that will include the highway agencies' standard mix, the Superpave level 1 designed standard mix, and the Superpave mix with an alternative binder. The alternative binder is defined as a binder with a grade either higher or lower than the required Superpave binder such that the performance characteristics of interest may be expected to exhibit distresses earlier than the Superpave binder section. The pavement structure and thicknesses of layers containing the three experimental mixtures should be the same on all test sections.

#### **Project Background**

This report documents the construction of an SPS-9A project in Alberta, Canada, 81A900. Details of the construction are provided in the sections to follow. The project was a portion of an additional two lanes on Highway 3 near Fort Macleod, Alberta. The experimental project consists of three test sections, each constructed 500 meters in length on the newly built lanes. Construction of the surfacing on the test sections occurred November 21-22, 1995.

A Superpave PG graded binder, PG 52-34, was utilized on the Superpave section, a PG 46-34 was utilized on the alternate binder section and a 150/200A penetration grade binder was utilized on the agency standard mixture. A Superpave level 1 mixture design method was used on the Superpave sections, while the agency standard mixture was designed according to Marshall 75 blow mixture design. The alternate binder section, having a lower binder grading based upon the 7-day maximum air temperature, was chosen to evaluate the rutting potential of the mixture.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Figure 1 illustrates the location of the SPS-9A project. The project is located on the two newly constructed eastbound lanes of Highway 3, approximately 5 km east of Fort Macleod, Alberta. The test sections are located entirely on a shallow fill of native material. The subgrade is a fine grained clayey material. The terrain in the immediate area is mostly flat with a few drainage undulations.

Based upon the SHRPBIND program developed by LTPP and climatic data from nearby weather stations, the mean annual low air temperature is -35°C, the mean 7-day high air temperature is 31°C, the freezing index (C-Days) is 946 and the average annual precipitation is 391 mm. Thus, the site is classified as being in a dry-freeze climatic zone.

The designed pavement structure consists of 350 mm granular base and 120 mm of asphalt concrete placed in two equal lifts. Design traffic rates as reported by the Alberta Transportation and Utilities Department are:

Annual Average Daily Traffic (two directions)	5280
Percent Heavy Trucks and Combinations (of AADT)	10.3
Est. 18K ESAL Rate in Study Lane (1,000 ESAL/Year)	146
Total Design 18K ESAL Applications in Design Lane	$2.92 \times 10^6$
Design Period (Years)	20

Figure 2 indicates the layout of the test sections. Each test section was constructed 500m in length, without transitions between sections. All test sections were constructed between project stations 13+500 and 15+000. Section 81A901 was built from 14+000 to 14+500, section 81A902 between stations 13+500 to 14+000, and section 81A903 between 14+500 to 15+000. The actual monitoring portions of the test sections are located as illustrated figure 2 and documented in table 1.

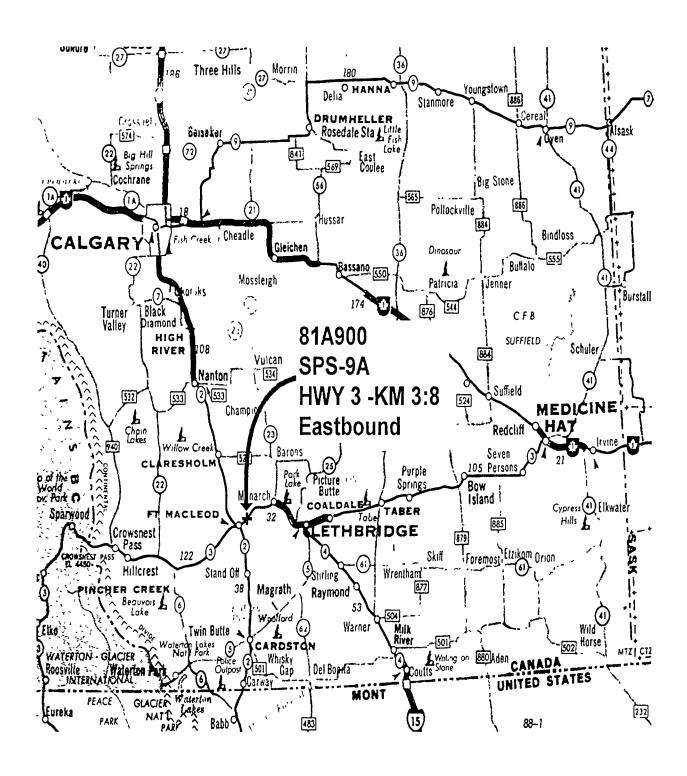


Figure 1. Location of Alberta SPS-9A project 81A900.

## SPS-9 TEST SECTION LAYOUT 81A900 - FORT MACLEOD, ALBERTA HIGHWAY 3 EASTBOUND 08/20/97

EASTBOUND

SUPERPAVE MIX DESIGN			SUPERPAVE ALTERNATIVE BINDER			AGENCY MIX DESIGN					
SA 81A902 SA				SA	81A903	SA		SA	81A901	SA	
feet meters	246 75.0	500' 152.4	246 75.0	566 172.5	246 75.0	500' 152.4	246 75.0	730 222.6	246 75.0	500' 152.4	246 75.0
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SA = SAMPLING AREA

Figure 2. SPS-9A (81A900) test section layout.

Table 1. Test section layout.

		Construction	Test	Description
Site	Location	Stationing (m)	Section (ft)	1
		Transition 13+50	00 to 13+600	
	Begin sampling area	13+675	-2-46	
81A902	Begin monitoring	13+675	0+00	Superpave Level 1 PG 52-34
!	End monitoring	13+827.4	5+00	
	End sampling area	13+902.4	7+46	7
		Transition 13+902	2.4 to 14+075	
	Begin sampling area	14+075	-2-46	
81A903	Begin monitoring	14+150	0+00	Superpave Level 1 PG 46-34
	End monitoring	14+302.4	5+00	1
	End sampling area	14+377.4	7+46	7
		Transition 14+377	4 to 14+600	
	Begin sampling area	14+600	-2-46	
81A901	Begin monitoring	14+675	0+00	Agency Standard 150/200A Pen
	End monitoring	14+827.4	5+00	7
	End sampling area	14+902.4	7+46	1

#### **CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS**

A summary of the complete paving operation is provided in this section of the report. Detailed below are the pre-paving operations, discussions regarding the AC mixture designs, summaries of the paving operation, and information concerning the additional materials sampling and testing performed on the test sections. The paving subcontractor on this job was South Rock Ltd from Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Mr. Jim Gavin, representing Alberta Transportation and Utilities, and Mr. Douglas Frith, representing Nichols Consulting Engineers and the LTPP Western Region, were on site during all Superpave paving operations. In addition, Alberta Transportation and Utilities had contracted with AGRA Engineering and Testing to collect and perform the Superpave tests. EBA Engineering was serving as the contractor's QC testing firm.

#### **Pre-Paving Operations**

Prior to the Western Region's involvement in the project, the earth work required for the construction of the embankment and base materials was completed. As previously mentioned, the embankment was comprised of local native material matching that of the subgrade. This material was classified as a fine grained clayey material. The embankment thickness varied from one to two meters in depth.

A 350mm thick crushed gravel base course was constructed directly on top of the embankment. The base course was compacted to 95 percent of the maximum proctor density. Prior to placement of the AC layers, the granular base course was primed. All embankment and base placement was completed between August and November 1997, which was prior to the Western Regional staff arriving on site.

#### **Asphalt Concrete Mixture Designs**

On this project, the mixture designs were the responsibility of the contractor. South Rock, Ltd had contracted with AGRA Earth and Environmental to perform all required mixture designs. Mixture designs consisted of a Superpave design having a 19.0mm nominal maximum aggregate size designed in accordance with Superpave Asphalt Mix Design specifications and Asphalt Institute Superpave Series No. 2 (SP 2). The second mixture design performed consisted of a Marshall mix design in accordance with Alberta Transportation and Utilities specification for Designation 1 Class 16, Type 2 Asphalt Concrete Mix.

Complete mixture designs for both mixes are provided in appendix A.

#### Superpave Mixture Design

Both sections 81A902 (Superpave) and 81A903 (Superpave with alternate binder) were designed based upon the level 1 Superpave volumetric mixture design procedures as referenced above. The actual mixture design was performed on section 81A902 and only the binder gradation changed for section 81A903, per the experimental guidelines.

The level 1 mixture design utilized the following number of gyrations, which were outlined in the Contract Special Provisions:

- N Initial (N<sub>1</sub>) 7
- N Design (Nd) 86
- N Maximum (Nm) 134

A Pine gyratory compactor was utilized for the mixture designs.

Aggregate for this mixture is comprised of coarse aggregate and manufactured fines from the Ft. Macleod East Government Pit and a washed concrete sand and a 10mm chip product obtained from the Hurlburt Pit. Mix design aggregates were blended as follows:

- 65 percent coarse aggregate
- 10 percent manufactured fine aggregate
- 20 percent 10mm chip
- 5 percent 5mm washed concrete sand

A blended gradation is provided in figure 3. As indicated, the gradation is on the coarse side of the curve and falls below the forbidden zone. Table 2 presents the mineral aggregate properties and the specification values.

## **Asphalt Concrete Combined Aggregate Gradations**

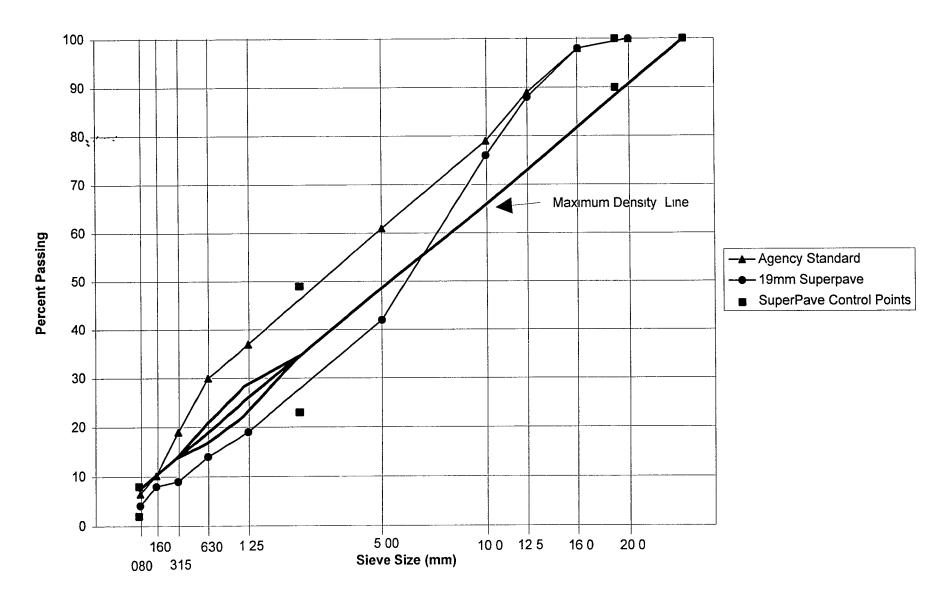


Figure 3. Combined Superpave aggregate gradation.

Table 2 Properties of combined mineral aggregate, Superpave mixture design.

Mineral Aggregate Properties					
Property	Result	Criteria			
Coarse Aggregate Angularity, % Fracture by Mass (ATT 50)	94	75%, 1 Face			
Fine Aggregate Angularity, % (TLT 125)	43	40 Min.			
Flat and Elongated Particles (ASTM D4791)	2 6	10% Max.			
Clay Content, % (AASHTO T176)	59	40 Min.			
Toughness, % Loss* (AASHTO T96)	18.9	40 Max.			
Deleterious Material* (TLT 107)	1.8	3.0 Max			

<sup>\*</sup>The reported value for Toughness (L.A. Abrasion) Loss and Deleterious Material is for the coarse aggregate fraction which represents over 70 percent of the plus 5000  $\mu$ m in the combined aggregate.

As mentioned, a Superpave performance graded binder (PG 52-34) was selected as the appropriate binder for this location, based upon a 98 percent reliability factor. The asphalt supplier was Husky Oil who supplied an asphalt meeting this specification, but which would normally be specified as a 200/300A penetration. In addition, the alternate binder test section utilized a Superpave performance graded binder (PG 46-34) meeting a typical 300/400A penetration specification. This asphalt was also supplied by Husky Oil.

A PG 52-34 asphalt cement at an asphalt content equal to 5 percent by weight of total mix (5.3 percent by weight of aggregate) was determined appropriate for this mixture design. Mixture properties based upon this aggregate and asphalt content are presented in table 3.

Table 3. Summary of Superpave mixture properties.

Mixture Summary						
Property	Result	Criteria				
AC (By Mass of Total M1x) (%)	5 0					
AC (By Mass of Dry Agg) (%)	5.3					
Density (kg/m³)	2362					
Air Voids (Va) (%)	4.1	4.0				
VMA (%)	14.1	13.0 min.				
VFA (%)	71 5	65.0 - 78.0				
Dust Proportion	1.0	0.6 - 1.2				
% Gmm @ Nini	86 4	< 89 0				
% Gmm @ Nmax	97.3	<98.0				
Average Dry Strength (kPa)	360					
Tensile Strength Ratio (%)	92	80 min.				
Average Gse Blend (Gse)	2.681					
Sp. Gravity of Binder (Gb)	1.030					
Sp. Gravity of Aggregate (Gsb)	2.612					
Film Thickness (µm)	10.97					

#### Agency Standard Mixture Design

Section 81A901 (Agency Standard) was designed following the standard practices of Alberta Transportation and Utilities: a Marshall Method of Mix Design as outlined in the latest edition of the Asphalt Institute Manual Series No. 2 (MS-2) and ASTM D 1559 (75 blow).

This test section was meant to serve as a control section and represent standard mixtures, materials, and construction practices typically utilized for highway construction in Alberta.

Aggregate for this mixture is comprised of coarse aggregate, manufactured fines, and blend sand from the Ft. Macleod East Government Pit and a blend sand from the McCollough Pit. Mix design aggregates were blended as follows:

- 60 percent coarse aggregate
- 22 percent manufactured fine aggregate
- 9 percent blend sand, Ft. Mcleod East Pit
- 9 percent blend sand, McCollough Pit

A blended gradation is provided in figure 3 in conjunction with the Superpaave gradation. Table 4 presents the mineral aggregate properties and the specification values.

Table 4. Properties of combined mineral aggregate, agency standard mixture design

Mineral Aggregate Properties					
Property	Result	Criteria			
Coarse Aggregate Angularity, % Fracture by Mass (ATT 50)	94	70%, 1 Face			
% Manufactured Fines (-5000 μm)	70.4	70%			
Plasticity Index	Non-Plastic				
Toughness, % Loss* (AASHTO T96)	18.9	40 Max.			
Deleterious Material* (TLT 107)	1.8	3.0 Max			

<sup>\*</sup>The reported value for Toughness (L.A. Abrasion) Loss and Deleterious Material is for the coarse aggregate fraction which represents over 70 percent of the plus 5000  $\mu$ m in the combined aggregate.

A penetration grade 150/200A asphalt cement supplied is the common asphalt grade required for this location and highway in Alberta. Husky Oil provided the asphalt cement for this mixture as well.

A 150/200A asphalt cement at an asphalt content equal to 5.2 percent by weight of total mix (5.5 percent by weight of aggregate) was determined appropriate for this mixture design. Mixture properties based upon this aggregate and asphalt content are presented in table 5.

Table 5. Summary of agency standard Marshall mixture properties.

Marshall Property	Mix Design Results	Specifications
A.C. Content (% dry wt. agg.)	5.5	
Density (kg/m³)	2368	
Marshall Stability (kN)	15.8	12.0 min.
Flow (mm)	2.9	2.0 to 3.5
Air Void (%)	3.9	3 to 5
V.M.A. (%)	14.2	13.5
Film Thickness (µm)	6.9	
Voids Filled (%)	73	65 - 75%
Retained Stability (%)	96	70 min.
F/A Ratio	1.5	

#### **Paving Operation**

The asphalt concrete surfacing was paved within the test sections November 21 and 22, 1995. Paving had progressed on the job up to the SPS-9A test sections, at which time they were completed. Upon completion of the test sections, the contractor resumed typical paving operations for the remainder of the job.

Detailed in this section of the report are the hot-mix plant, the paving equipment utilized and the paving sequencing used to complete the operation. Normal paving equipment and techniques were utilized in the completion of these test sections.

#### Hot-Mix Plant

All asphalt concrete was produced from one hot plant. The hot plant was located near the junction of Highway 3 and Highway 2 on the east side of Fort Macleod. Therefore, the haul distance for the asphalt concrete was approximately 6 km. A CMI dryer-drum portable hot plant was erected in the Ft. Macleod East Government Pit, the source of the majority of aggregate.

A dryer-drum plant was utilized and a production rate of approximately 500 tonnes/hour was routinely produced. Samples of the aggregate combination and the asphalt cement were collected at the hot plant during production.

#### Paving Equipment

Two different paving trains were utilized within the test sections. Paving train number one completed the lay down of all asphalt concrete in the right hand (travel) lane and outside shoulder, including both the top and bottom lifts. Paving train number 2 completed the paving in the left hand (passing) lane and the inside shoulder. Listed in table 6 are the equipment of which each paving train was comprised.

Table 6. Equipment used during asphalt concrete placement

<b>Equipment Type</b>	Paving Train #1 Description	Paving Train #2 Description
Haul Trucks	End Dumps (Tarped)	End Dumps (Tarped)
Transfer Box	Modified Blaw-Knox PF-200B Paver	Modified Blaw-Know Paver
Paver	Blaw-Knox PF-220 (Rubber Tire)	Blaw-Knox PF-220 (Rubber Tire)
Breakdown Roller	DynaPac CC-501 Double Steel Drum Vibrating	Catipillar CB-634 Double Steel Drum Vibrating
Intermediate Roller	DynaPac CP-30 Pneumatic Rubber Tıred	DynaPac CP-30 Pneumatic Rubber Tired
Finish Roller	Bowmag BW 202 ADH Double Steel Drum	DynaPac CC-42 Double Steel Drum

During paving, the finish grade was controlled using electronic grade controls. A rigid bridge-type ski, extending 11m ahead of the screed and 7m behind the screed was attached to the paver. The ski behind the screed rode on the hot mat. The electronic grade controls then operated off of this ski.

#### Paving Sequencing

As mentioned, two paving trains were operated during the construction of the test sections. Also, paving of the entire test area was completed November 21 and 22, 1995. Paving began at the west end of the test sections in all cases and progressed eastwardly.

The actual lay down of the hot mixed asphalt concrete was very similar with both paving trains. In some instances, the number of rollers or rolling patterns varied slightly, which is documented in the Detailed Construction Notes portion of this report. Lay down consisted of delivery of the asphalt concrete to the site in large end dump tractor-trailers, which were covered with a tarp to retain as much heat as possible. The haul distance from the plant to the test sections was between 5 and 6 km. The end dump transferred the asphalt concrete into a modified older paver, which was utilized as a transfer device. This modified paver consisted of the original hopper and conveyor belts but was then modified so that the asphalt concrete was augured onto a large conveyor belt that extended from the back of the paver upward. Material from this large conveyor belt would then drop into the hopper on the paver. Utilizing this transfer device allowed the hopper on the paver to remain at a nearly constant level, while maintaining a constant speed. This device also ensured the end dumps would not bump the paving machine and cause unnecessary roughness in the roadway.

The rubber tired paver then utilized a heated vibrating screed to strike off the asphalt concrete. Three passes were completed by the double steel drum breakdown roller, one of which was vibrated. In most cases, the breakdown roller was immediately behind the paver. Eight passes were then made with the pneumatic roller. Finish rolling was completed with a double steel drum static roller. The finish roller made numerous passes, depending upon the speed of the paver and the roller marks remaining in the mat.

Paver number two, utilized only in the passing lane, produced a strip of segregated material approximately 0.2m wide, occurring 0.9m left of the right edge of the mat. This segregation was evident throughout the length of paving. Other isolated areas of segregation occurred within the test sections, which are identified in the Detailed Paving Notes portion of this report.

All three sections were paved in two lifts, both lifts having the same mixture design. Each lift was designed to be placed 75mm loose thickness, compacting to 60mm in depth. The longitudinal joint between lifts was offset 75mm to the right of centerline.

The paving sequence used for the two days of test section paving is illustrated in table 7. November 21, 1995, paving began on the first lift using paving train one on the travel lane of section 81A902 laying the Superpave mixture. Paving began at 7:45 a.m. under clear skies and an air temperature of 5°C. Upon completion of the entire 500 meter test strip, the paver was cleaned out and prepared for the next section. Approximately one hour after paving train one started, paving train two began paving the first lift of the adjacent (passing) lane. At the completion of this lift, paver two was cleaned out as well. The asphalt plant shut down after

Table 7 Test section paving sequencing

	Paving Train #1			Pa	aving Train	#2
Time	Section	Lıft	Lane	Section	Lıft	Lane
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production of the Superpave material, switched asphalt supply tanks and prepared for the production of the alternate binder Superpave material.

Paving train one began placing the alternate binder Superpave mixture as the first lift on section 81A903 in the travel lane. Approximately one hour after paving train one began, paving train two began laying the first lift of the passing lane. Upon completion of the first lift in this section, both paving trains returned to the beginning of the section and repeated the operation for the alternate binder mixture. Paving in this sequence allowed the hot plant to continue production of the alternate binder mixture. Once the final lift was placed on both lanes within this section, both pavers were cleaned out and the paving trains retreated to the beginning of section 81A902.

The final lift of section 81A902 was completed using artificial lighting on November 21, 1995. The paving sequence was the same as the first lift, that is, paving train one was utilized for the travel lane and paving train two laid the passing lane. Paving was completed at 6:50 p.m. with an air temperature equal to -1°C.

Both lifts of the agency standard mixture on section 81A901 were placed November 22, 1995. This day, the weather was less desirable as the air temperature was -3°C initially with overcast skies and the threat of snow flurries. Paving began on the travel lane at 7:45 a.m. utilizing paving train one. Paving train two began placing the first lift on the passing lane at 8:40 a.m.

Upon completion of the first lift, both paving trains returned to the beginning of this test section and constructed the second lift in the same manner as the first was constructed. Paving began on the travel lane at 10:35 a.m. and was completed at 12:05 p.m. Ambient air temperature at the completion of the second lift was 0°C.

#### **Material Sampling and Testing**

Numerous samples were collected during construction. Many samples were collected by the contractor for quality control purposes, other samples were collected by Alberta Transportation and Utilities for quality assurance purposes and still others were collected solely for experimental testing purposes. The sampling and testing described in this section pertains only to those additional samples that were required for the SPS-9 testing.

Provided in table 8 is a summary of the types and quantities of samples collected from each test section during construction. Many of these samples were tested immediately, others were molded and tested at a later date and others have been stored for future testing. Once all Superpave testing equipment and procedures have been developed, these stored samples will then be tested.

Table 8. Additional material samples collected during construction for SPS-9 specified testing.

Test Section	81A901	89A902	81A903
Bulk Lab HMA Mix (Performance Tests)		300 kg mix in lab, compact into 34 specimens	
Bulk HMA Mix During Placement (QC Tests)	60 kg - molded in gyratory (6 samples)	60 kg - molded in gyratory (6 samples)	60 kg - molded in gyratory (6 samples)
Bulk Field HMA Mix (Performance Tests)	<del></del>	360 kg mix - compact into 36 specimens	<del></del>
Asphalt Cement	One 10 liter pail	One 10 liter pail	One 10 liter pail
Aggregate	Ten 25 kg samples	Ten 25 kg samples	Ten 25 kg samples
MRL Asphalt Cement	One 20 liter pail	One 20 liter pail	One 20 liter pail
MRL Aggregates	Ten 20 liter pails	Ten 20 liter pails	
150mm Cores Immediately After Construction	8 cores	34 cores	8 cores

The required material tests can be divided into five categories, 1) Material Verification, 2) Mixture Design Conformation, 3) Quality Control Tests, 4) As-Built Tests, and 5) Performance Prediction Tests. Each category is further divided into multiple individual tests. Tables 9-13 provide a listing of the tests required. A comparison of the mixture design values and the as-built values are provided in table 14.

#### **DETAILED CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

During paving, NCE staff were on-site to collect detailed construction notes. The purpose was not to serve as inspectors, but rather to document the operations. All inspection and acceptance was the responsibility of Alberta Transportation and Utilities personnel.

Typical information recorded during paving included weather conditions, air temperature, mat temperature, equipment, methods, materials and uncompacted thickness measurements. Generally, the uncompacted thickness measurements were recorded using a metal rod, which was pushed through the paving mat immediately behind the paver, then the depth of rod penetration was recorded. Due to the paving sequencing (i.e., two paving trains) measurements were only recorded for the travel lane, and each of these measurements was taken near the centerline edge of the paving pass. Pavement mat temperatures were recorded using a. hand-held infrared thermometer.

Documented below are the details of the construction operation on each of the three experimental sections. Detailed construction notes are provided in appendix B.

#### Section 81A901 - Agency Standard Mixture

Paving of this section began on November 22, 1995. Both lifts were completed this date. Detailed notes were recorded on the travel lane, although only limited information was recorded for the passing lane. A visual comparison of this mixture and the Superpave mixtures showed this mixture to be much finer. This mixture also appeared drier (more brown than black), although it did not look too dry. A tack coat was applied to the primed base material and again between lifts.

Table 9. Material verification tests

Test Name	Test Designation	Test Protocol	
Aggregate Tests			
Aggregate Gradation	AG04	LTPP P14	
Specific Gravity of Coarse Aggregate	AG01	LTPP P11	
Specific Gravity of Fine Aggregate	AG02	LTPP P12	
Specific Gravity of -200 material		AASHTO T100	
Coarse Aggregate Angularity		Penn DOT TM 621	
Fine Aggregate Angularity		ASTM C1252	
Toughness		AASHTO T96	
Soundness		AASHTO T104	
Deleterious Materials		AASHTO 112	
Clay Content		AASHTO T176	
Thin, Elongated Particles		ASTM D 4791	
Asphalt Cement			
Penetration @ 5°C		AASHTO T49	
Penetration @ 25° & 46°C	AE02	LTPP P22	
Viscosity @ 60° & 135°C	AE05	LTPP P25	
Specific Gravity @ 16°C	AE03	LTPP P23	
Dynamic Shear @ 3 Temperatures		AASHTO TP5	
Brookfield Viscosity @ 135° & 165°C		ASTM D4402	
Rolling Thin Film Oven (RTFOT)		AASHTO T240	
Dynamic Shear on RTFOT Residue @ 3 Temperatures		AASHTO TP5	
Pressure Aging (PAV) of RTFOT Residue		AASHTO PP1	
Creep Stiffness of RTFOT-PAV Residue @ 2 Temperatures -		AASHTO TP1	
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Creep Stiffness of RTFOT-PAV Residue @ 2 Temperatures		AASHTO TP1	
Dynamic Shear on RTFOT-PAV Residue @ 3 Temperatures		AASHTO TP5	
Direct Tension on RTFOT-PAV Residue @ 2 Temperatures		AASHTO TP3	

Table 10. Mixture design conformation tests.

Test Name	Test Designation	Test Protocol
Mixed and Compacted HM	A	,
Gyratory Comp. @ Design Asphalt Content at N <sub>max</sub>		AASHTO M-002
Gyratory Comp. @ 3% AV(lab samples)		AASHTO M-002
Gyratory Comp. @ 7% Air Voids		AASHTO M-002
Bulk Specific Gravity	AC02	LTPP P02
Maximum Specific Gravity	AC03	LTPP P03
Asphalt Content (Extraction) (Uncomp. Material)	AC04	LTPP P04
Aggregate Gradation (Extracted Aggregate)	AG04	LTPP P14
Moisture Susceptibility	AC05	LTPP P05
Volumetric Calculations		
Volume Percent of Air Voids		AASHTO PP19
Percent Voids in Mineral Aggregate		AASHTO PP19
Voids Filled with Asphalt		AASHTO PP19

Table 11. During placement non-standard quality control tests

Test Name	Test Designation	Test Protocol
HMA Specimen Cor	npaction	
Gyratory Comp. @ N <sub>max</sub>		AASHTO M-002
Volumetric Te	sts	
Bulk Specific Gravity	AC02	LTPP P02
Asphalt Content (Extraction)	AC04	LTPP P04
Aggregate Gradation (Extracted Aggregate)	AG04	LTPP P14
Maximum Specific Gravity	AC03	LTPP P03
Volumetric Calcul	ations	
Volume Percent of Air Voids		AASHTO PP19
Percent Voids in Mineral Aggregate		AASHTO PP19
Voids Filled with Asphalt		AASHTO PP19

Table 12 As-built material tests from cores

Test Name	Test Designation	Test Protocol
Core Examination/Thickness	AC01	LTPP P01
Volumetric A	nalysis	
Bulk Specific Gravity	AC02	LTPP P02
Asphalt Content (Extraction)	AC04	LTPP P04
Aggregate Gradation (Extracted Aggregate)	AG04	LTPP P14
Volumetric Cale	culations	
Volume Percent of Air Voids		AASHTO PP19
Percent Voids in Mineral Aggregate		AASHTO PP19
Voids Filled with Asphalt		AASHTO PP19
Recovered Aspha	It Cement	
Abson Recovery	AE01	LTPP P21
Penetration @ 5°C		AASHTO T49
Penetration @ 25° & 46°C	AE02	LTPP P22
Viscosity @ 60° & 135°C	AE05	LTPP P25
Specific Gravity @ 16°C	AE03	LTPP P23
Dynamic Shear @ 3 Temperatures		AASHTO TP5
Creep Stiffness @ 2 Temperatures		AASHTO TP1
Direct Tension @ 2 Temperatures		AASHTO TP3

Table 13. Performance prediction tests to be performed by Superpave Regional Test Center.

Test Name	Test Designation	Test Protocol
LTPP Performance Tests by LTPP Cont	ract Laboratory	
Indirect Tensile Strength	AC07	LTPP P07
Resilient Modulus	AC07	LTPP P07
Creep Compliance	AC06	LTPP P06
Superpave Shear Tester Performance Tests by Super	rpave Regional Test Ce	enter
Frequency Sweep at Constant Height & Simple Shear at Constant Height	SST-1	AASHTO M-003, P-005
Volumetric Test & Uniaxial Strain	SST-2	AASHTO M-003, P-005
Repeated Shear at Constant Stress Ratio	SST-3	AASHTO M-003, P-005
Superpave Indirect Tensile Tests by Superpave	Regional Test Center	
Indirect Tensile Creep Compliance & Indirect Tensile Strength	SP-IT	AASHTO M-005

Table 14. Comparison of design and as-built mixture properties.

Material	814	901	81A	902	81A	903
Property	Design	Actual	Design	Actual	Design	Actual
Air Voids (%)	3 9	5 7	4 1	8 2	4 1	8 4
Voids in Mineral Aggregate (%)	14.2	15.1'	14 1	16 9	14.1	17.3
Voids Filled with Asphalt (%)	73	62.4	71.5	51.9	71.5	51.8
Asphalt Content (%)	5.5	5.2	5 0	4.9	5.0	5.1
Thickness (mm)	120	126.3	120	120.8	120	119.3
Gradation (Metric Sieves)						
160mm	98	98	98	98	98	99
12.5mm	89	89	88	88	88	92
10mm	79	80	76	78	76	82
5mm	61	60	42	44	42	48
2.5mm		46		28		32
1.25mm	37	36	19	20	19	22
0.630mm	30	30	14	16	14	17
0.315mm	19	20	9	12	9	12
0 160mm	10.2	11.4	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.4
0 080mm	6 5	7.7	4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1

The bottom lift was placed between 7:45 a.m. and 9:50 a.m.. During this time period the ambient air temperature increased from -3°C to -1°C, and snow flurries were reported for a short duration. The paving equipment and methods were as previously discussed. This lift had an average uncompacted thickness of 77mm and an average behind the paver mat surface temperature of 150°C. Near the end of the section, station 14+825 onward, the paver had to routinely stop while waiting for trucks to arrive. When the paver was stopped for this reason, the transfer box was emptied of asphalt concrete, although the paver kept a full hopper of material. Samples, used both for the SPS study and for routine quality control, were collected near station 14+720.

The top lift was constructed the same day as the lower lift between 10:35 a.m and 12:05 p.m. As noted, a tack coat was placed between the two lifts. The air temperature during this paving was also very cool. The ambient air temperature at the beginning was -1°C and was 0°C when completed. The paving operation utilized the same equipment (paving train one) and sequencing as before with the exception of a fourth roller added to the paving train. An additional double steel drum roller was utilized between the pneumatic and the finish roller. The average uncompacted thickness through this lift was 79mm and the mat temperature was 138°C. Two areas of segregation were noted during construction. A small area near station 14+690 was very coarse and shovels of hot-mix were spread and raked to repair the area. A larger area of segregation near the middle of the lane was evident in the middle of the mat near station 14+950. This area was also repaired by hand.

#### **Section 81A902 - Superpave Level 1 Mixture**

Paving of this section began on November 21, 1995. Both lifts were completed this date. Detailed notes were recorded on the travel lane, although only limited information was recorded for the passing lane. The general opinion of Alberta Transportation and Utilities and contractor personnel was that the Superpave mixture was much coarser with more asphalt than their standard mixes. Initially, many of the contractor personnel thought the Superpave mix was segregating, but they soon realized it was simply a coarser gradation than they were used to seeing. Contractor personnel did not think the Superpave mixes were any different to work with other than they were more difficult to rake. As with the agency standard section, a tack coat was applied to the primed base material and again between lifts. No tack coat was applied between lifts on the passing lane.

The bottom lift was placed between 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.. At the beginning of paving, the ambient air temperature was 5°C and gradually increased as the weather was clear and sunny. The paving equipment and methods were as previously discussed. This lift had an average uncompacted thickness of 73mm and an average behind the paver mat surface temperature of 120°C. The paver was stopped near station 13+750 for approximately 40 minutes while being repaired. No cold joint was placed as the paver was not moved for the repair. The paver was again stopped for about 10 minutes near station 13+920 while waiting on the delivery trucks. Samples, used both for the SPS study and for routine quality control, were collected near station 13+825. At one point, the internal mat temperature was measured to be 142°C, which was approximately 15°C higher than the surface temperature measured concurrently.

The top lift was constructed late the same day as the lower lift, between 5:25 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Paving was performed using artificial lighting. As noted, a tack coat was placed between the two lifts. The air temperature had decreased during the day and had substantially reduced as nightfall approached. The ambient air temperature was measured as 1°C as paving began and -1°C when paving was completed. The paving operation utilized the same equipment (paving train one) and sequencing discussed in the equipment portion of the report. The average uncompacted thickness through this lift was 76mm and the mat temperature was 136°C.

#### Section 81A903 - Superpave Level 1 Mixture with Alternate Binder

Paving of this section began on November 21, 1995. Both lifts were completed this date. Detailed notes were recorded on the travel lane, although only limited information was recorded for the passing lane. This mixture looked identical to that placed in section 81A902. As with the other two sections, a tack coat was applied to the primed base material and again between lifts. No tack coat was applied between lifts on the passing lane.

The bottom lift was placed between 11:27 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. At the beginning of paving, the ambient air temperature was 9°C and the skies were partly cloudy. The paving equipment and methods were as previously discussed. This lift had an average uncompacted thickness of 79mm and an average behind the paver mat surface temperature of 124°C. The paver was stopped several times near the end of the section (station 14+355 onward) for as much as 7 minutes while waiting for material to be delivered. Samples, used both for the SPS study and for routine quality control were collected near station 14+150. At one point, the internal mat temperature was measured to be 134°C, which was approximately 10°C higher than the surface temperature measured concurrently.

The top lift was constructed immediately following completion of the first lift. Paving occurred between 2:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. As noted, a tack coat was placed between the two lifts. The air temperature decreased from  $8^{\circ}$ C to  $6^{\circ}$ C as paving progressed. The paving operation utilized the same equipment (paving train one) and sequencing discussed in the equipment portion of the report. The average uncompacted thickness through this lift was 76mm and the mat temperature was  $122^{\circ}$ C. Twice the paver began slipping on the tack coat; once near station 14+105 when the paver had to be pulled with a blade and again at station 14+400.

#### **SUMMARY**

Three 500m test sections were constructed November 21-22, 1995 conforming to the requirements of the LTPP SPS-9A experimental guidelines. The three test sections were included in the newly constructed eastbound lanes of Highway 3 just east of Fort Macleod, Alberta. The pavement structure consisted of 120mm of asphalt concrete placed on 350mm of a crushed granular base course over 1 to 2m of a fine grained clayey fill material.

All test sections are located between project stations 13+500 and 15+000. Superpave level 1 mixture design criteria were utilized to design two of the three sections. The agency standard section was designed using the Marshall 75 blow mixture design method. Asphalt binder in each of the three sections varied. A performance graded binder, PG 52-34 was utilized on the Superpave section, a PG 46-34 was used in the alternate binder section and a 150/200A penetration grade asphalt cement was used in the agency standard section.

Typical construction practices were utilized throughout the project and no deviations from the experimental guidelines were evident. The air temperature during placement was between 0°C and 9°C on November 21 and between -3°C and 0°C on November 22. No measurable precipitation was received during placement.

Post construction testing revealed the final thicknesses were nearly identical between all three sections and matched the design thickness. Also, gradations and asphalt contents were very near the design values. Both Superpave mixtures seem to have been placed with greater air voids (8 percent) than as designed (4 percent). This resulted in a greater voids in mineral aggregate (VMA) as well as a lower voids filled with asphalt (VFA) than designed. These values should change as initial densification due to traffic is expected.

No major deficiencies, either due to materials or construction, were identified. Therefore, this project should prove to be an excellent experiment in meeting the SPS-9A experimental objectives.

# APPENDIX A MIXTURE DESIGNS



CA-12139 30 October 1995

South Rock Limited P.O. Box 460 Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 7G2

Attention: Mr. R.W. Forfylow, P.Eng.

Dear Sir:

RE: HIGHWAY 3:08 SUPERPAVE LEVEL I ASPHALT MIX DESIGN

CONTRACT #5519/94

As per your request, AGRA Earth & Environmental Limited (AEE) has performed a Level I, 19.0 mm nominal maximum size mix design in accordance with Superpave Asphalt Mix Design specifications and Asphalt Institute Superpave Series No.2 (SP 2).

The number of gyrations used in the design, as outlined in the Contract Special Provisions, were:

N Initial (Ni) 7 N Design (Nd) 86 N Maximum (Nm) 134

The average submitted stockpile gradations of the coarse aggregate and manufactured fines from the Ft. Macleod East Pit, as well as a washed concrete sand and a 10 mm Chip product obtained from the Hurlburt Pit are presented as samples No.1 through No.4, attached. Using these submitted gradations, the mix aggregates were blended as follows:

65 percent coarse aggregate

10 percent manufactured fine aggregate

20 percent 10 mm Chip

5 percent 5 mm washed concrete sand

The results of this combined grading are presented in the attached sieve analysis identified as Sample No. 5, Lab Blend.

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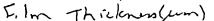
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Preparation of the asphalt mix samples was in accordance with the Superpave Method of Mix Design as outlined in the latest edition of the Asphalt Institute Manual "Superpave Lavel 1 Asphalt Mix Design" incorporating Husky Oil Ltd. 150/200A penetration grade asphalt cement and aggregates combined as noted above.

At an apphalt binder content of 5.3 percent (by mass of dry aggregate), (5.0% by mass of total mix) the following Superpave properties were attained:

MIXTURE SUMMARY					
Property	Results	Criteria			
AC (By M ss of Total Mix) (%)	5.0	-			
AC (By Mass of Dry Aggre.) (%)	5.3	•			
Density (kg/m²)	2362	•			
Air Voids (Va) (%)	4.1	4.0			
VMA (%)	14.1	13.0 min.			
VFA (%)	71.5	65.0 - 78.0			
Dust Proportion	1.0 √	0.5 - 1.2			
%Gmm @ Ninı	86.4	<39.0			
%Gmm @ Nmax	97.3	<98.0			
Average Dry Strength (kPa)	360				
Tensile Strength Ratio (%)	92	80 Mln.			
Average Gse Blend (Gse)	2.681				
So. Gravity of Binder (Gb)	1.030				
Sp. Gravity of Aggregate (Gsb)	2.612				

As indicated above, at the target asphalt content, the required mix and aggregate properties are achieved as per the criteria at a design traffic level of <3 million EASLS.



The mineral aggregate properties of the combined aggregate at the job mix formula gradation (except where noted) were:

MINERAL AG	GREGATE PROPERTIES	
PROPERTY	RESULT	CRITERIA
Coarse Aggregate Angularity % Fracture by Mass (ATT 50)	94	75%, 1 Face
Fine Aggregate Angularity, % (TLT 125)	43	40 Min.
Fiat and Elongated Particles (ASTM D4791)	2.6	10% Max.
Clay Content, % (AASHTO T176)	59	40 Min.
Toughness, % Loss* (AASHTO T96)	18.9	40 Max.
Deleterious Material* (TLT 107)	1.8	3.0 Max

The reported value for Toughness (L.A. Abrasion) Loss and Deleterious Material is for the coarse aggregate fraction which represents over 70 percent of the plus 5000 µm in the combined aggregate.

The following figures and charts are attached:

- Summary of theoretical maximum specific gravity (Gmm) and asphalt absorption
- Project worksheet
- % Gmm charts for individual specimens
- Summary of mix properties vs asphalt contents
- Dust proportion worksheet
- Sieve analyses of individual aggregate proportions and the combined design aggregate

Please note that all data in the attached tables are based on percent AC by mass of total mix.



We trust the information presented is sufficient for your needs at this time. If you have any questions please contact this office.

Yours truly,

AGRA Earth & Environmental Limited

Reviewed by:



Kevin Spencer, P.Eng. Materials Engineering Division Dave Palsat, M.Sc., P. Eng. Sr. Asphalt Engineer

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The Association of Professional Engineers. Geologist and Geophysicists of Alberta The theoretical maximum specific gravity and calculated asphalt absorption was as follows:

%.AC C	ONTENT	#1		#1 #2		Avg.		
Dry Aggre.	Total Mix	Gs Max.	Abs	Gs Max.	Abs	Gs	Abs	
4.7	4.5	2.489	0.81	2.487	0.79	2.488	0.80	
5.3	5.0	2.467	0.74	2.461	0.64	2.464	0.69	
5.8	5.5	2.456	0.87	2.452	0.81	2.454	0.84	
6.4	6.0	2.440	0.91	2.440	0.91	2.440	0.91	
						AVG:	0.81	

#### II. ABBREVIATED COARSE AGUREGATE PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

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	(A) 13 RETAINED (Fraction)		15.2	17.4	28.6						Ĺ
	TOTAL % RETAINED By Component			61.2							
60	OCHREOUS MATERIALS (Iron Concettons)				0.4						
61	SHALE				0.3						
63	VOLCANIC OR SCHIST Decomposed)		7.6	11.5	0.6						
62	CLAY (Bails or Coating)		37.3	5.2	0.7	<u> </u>					
32	ARGILLITE-TUFF ARGILLITE-SLATE-GREYWAKE (Westhered)			5.9	2.2						
96	CF. JONATES (E' + v. Clayey, Sandy)			14.2	0.3						
	SA: OSTONE			1.5	4.5						
	O ER: Poorly cemented Sandston Carbonata Encrustations	18									
XELETERIOU	S MAT FRIAL	9	44.9	37.9	9.1						
OTHER AGG	REGATE	9	960.7	466.9	245.0						
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Accitional comments on possible detrimental material are to be included on an attached sheet. These comments will be under the general heading of coarse, natural fines, manufactured fines, etc. and blend sand. Each of the headings will be further divided into size fractions (eg. -16 000/+12 500). Any -5 000 material will be evaluated as having high > 7%, medium > 3% < 7%, low > 1% < 3% or trace < 1% amount of possible detrimental material.

<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (LS-609)

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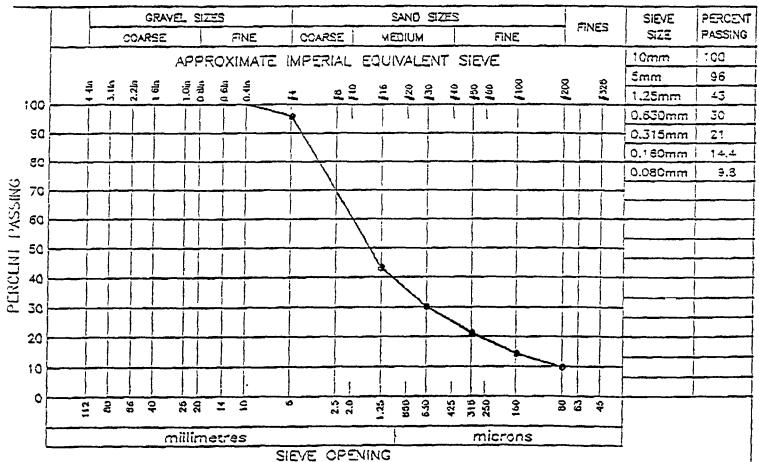
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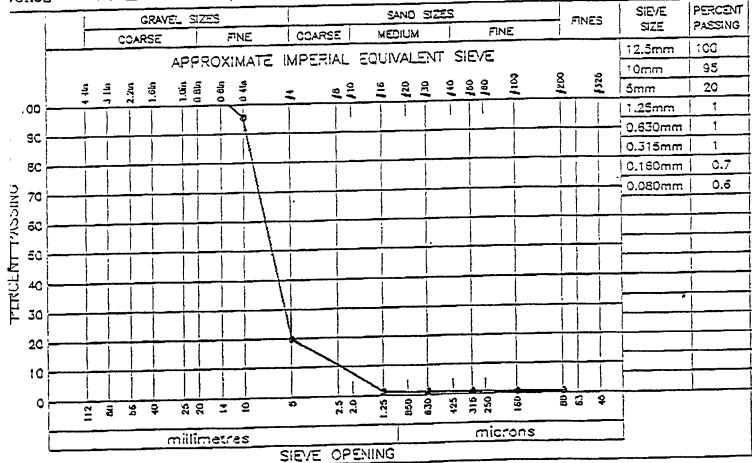
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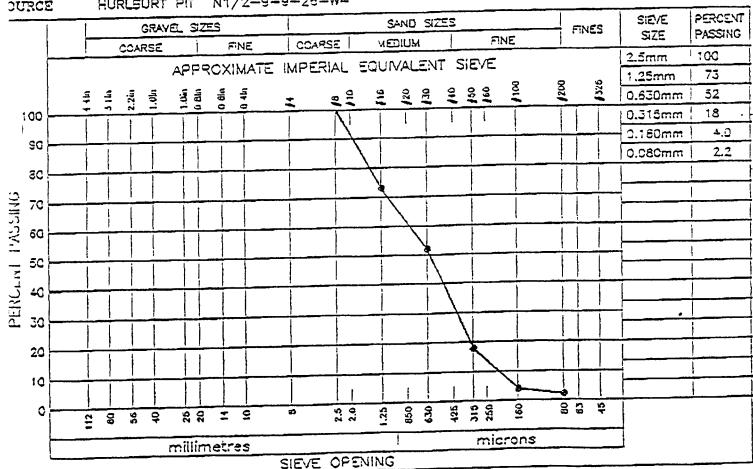
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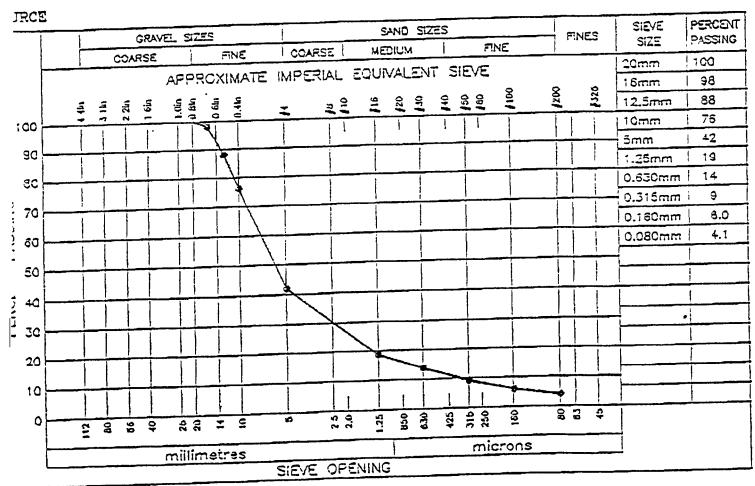
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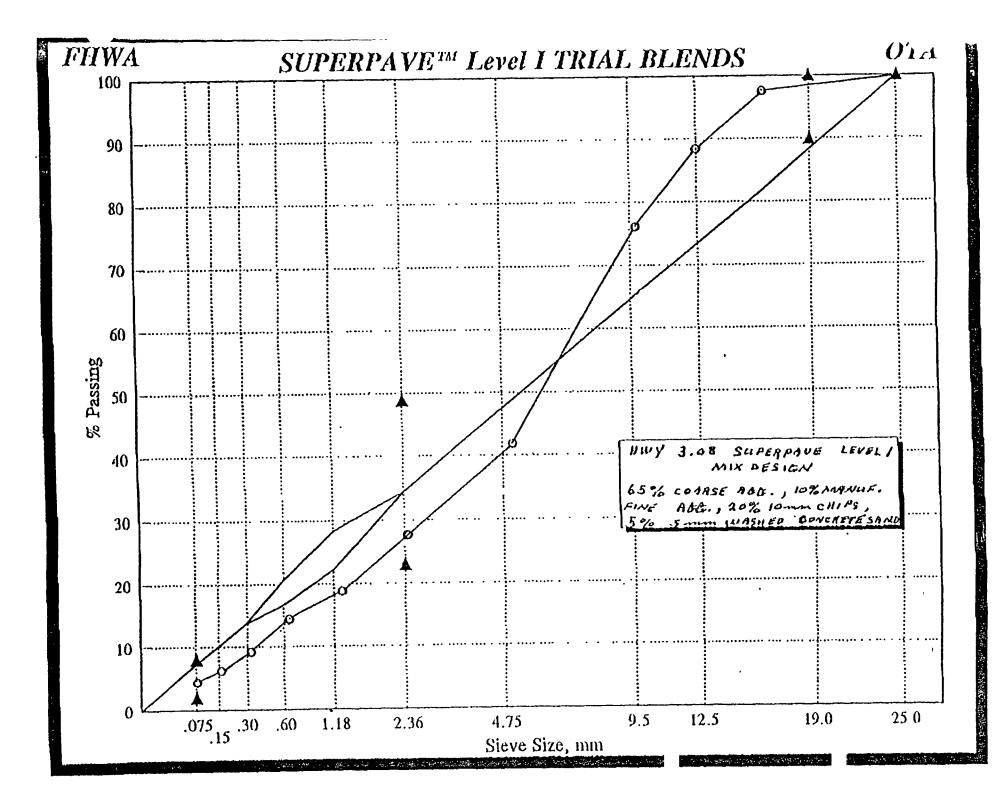
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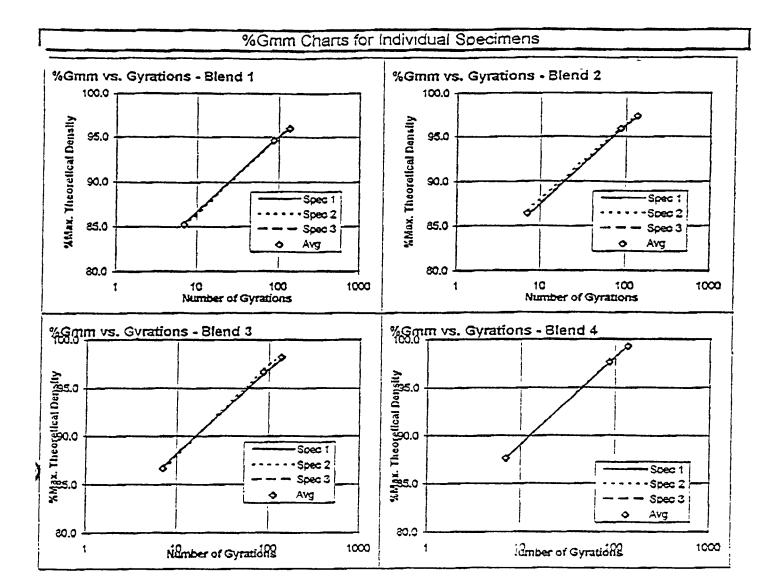
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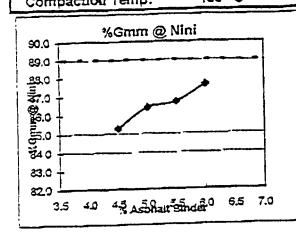
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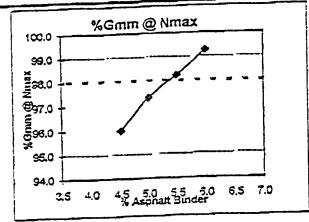


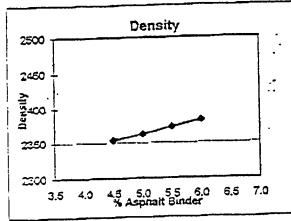
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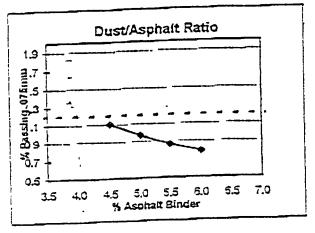


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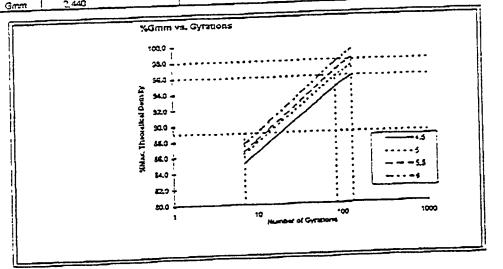
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# Dust Proportion (Fines/Pbe) Worksheet

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Ì	Blend 1	Blend 2	Blend 3	Slend 4
Absorbtion Constant:	0.81	0.81	0.3	0.8
Apparent Specific Gravity (Gsa):	2.5811	2.531	2.681	2.681
Specific Gravity of Binder(Gb):		1.030	1.030	1.030
Fines (% Passing .075mm Sieve)		4.1	4.1	4.1

		Outpu	ය	
Percent AC (Pbi)	4.5	5.01	5.5	6.0
Effective Specific Gravity (Gse)	2,6671	2.667	2.667	2.667
Effective % Binder (Pbe)	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.2
Dust Proportion (Fines/Pbe)	1.11	1.01	0.9	0.8

# Trial Asphalt Binder Content (%AC) Worksheet

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- It Consider Consider (Cob)	2.512	2,612	2.612	2.512
Aggregate Bulk Specific Gravity (Gsb):		5.01	5.5	6.0
Percent Binder by wt. of mix (Pbi):		95.0	94.5	94.0
Percent Aggregate (Ps):				



CA-12165 25 October 1995

South Rock Limited P.O. Box 460 Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 7G2

Attention: Mr. R.W. Forfylow, P. Eng.

Dear Sir:

RE: HIGHWAY 3:08

CONTRACT #5519/94

As per your request, AGRA Earth & Environmental Limited (AEE) has performed a Marshall mix design in accordance with Alberta Transportation and Utilities specifications for Designation 1 Class 16, Type 2 Asphalt Concrete Mix.

The average submitted stockpile gradations of the coarse aggregate, manufactured fines, and two blend sand sources are presented as Sample No. 1 through No. 4, attached. Based upon the average stockpile gradations, the mix aggregates were blended as follows, as specified by South Rock:

- 60 percent coarse aggregate
- 22 percent manufactured fines
  - 9 percent blend sand. Ft. McLeod East Pit
- 9 percent blend sand, McCollough Pit

The results of this combined grading are presented in the attached sieve analysis identified as Sample No. 5, Lab Blend.

Preparation of the asphalt mix samples was in accordance with the Marshall Method of Mix Design as outlined in the latest edition of the Asphalt Institute Manual Series No. 2 (MS-2) and ASTM D1559 (75 Blow) incorporating Husky 150/200A penetration grade asphalt cement and aggregates combined as noted above.

A summary of the Marshall mix analyses are presented graphically and in Table No. 1, attached.

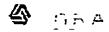
At an asphalt binder content of 5.5 percent (by mass of dry aggregate), the following Marshall properties were attained:

Marshall Property	Mix Design Results	Specifications
A.C. Content (% dry wt. agg.)	5.5	-
Density (kg/m³)	2368	•
Marshall Stability (kN)	15.8	12.0 min.
Flow (mm)	2.9	2.0 to 3.5
Air Void (%)	3.9	3 ta 5
V.M.A. (%)	14.2	13.5
Film Thickness (µm)	6.9 🗸	•
Voids Filled (%)	73	65 - 75%
Retained Stability (%)	96	70 min.

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Please note that at the target asphalt cement content (5.5% by mass of dry aggregate) compliance with the specifications was achieved.

Included in Table No. 1 are the reported test results for; the mixing and compaction temperatures, the aggregate bulk relative density, asphalt cement relative density and the asphalt absorption.



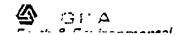
The theoretical maximum specific gravity of the paving mixture was as follows:

A.C. Concrete	#1	M.T.D.	#2			Avg.
% (Dry Weight)	Gs max.	abs.	Gs_max.	abs.	Œ≅∙	abs.
5.2	2.468	0.65	2.478	0.84	2.473	0.75
5.5	2.466	0.79	2.462	0.72	2.464	0.75
5.7	2.455	0.70	2.460	0.79	2.458	0.75
					AVG.	0.75

Pertinent data related to aggregate quality is summarized below and included in the attachments:

- Percent fracture (2 faces) on the plus 5000 μm portion of the recombined aggregate blend was determined to be 94%, exceeding the specified minimum of 70%.
- The Percentage of Manufactured Fines in the -5000 portion of the combined aggregate are calculated at 70.4%, exceeding the specified minimum of 70%.
- The Los Angeles Abrasion test on a sample of coarse aggregate was determined to be 18.9% loss, meeting the requirement of 40% maximum loss.
- The Plasticity Index of the aggregate material produced was determined to be non-plastic.
- An abbreviated petrographic analysis was performed on a sample of the coarse aggregate; the detrimental matter was determined to be 1.8%, meeting the requirement of 3.0% maximum.

As indicated above, at the target asphalt content, the required mix and aggregate properties are achieved. Experience has indicated that the properties of plant produced hot mix may vary from mix properties obtained with laboratory prepared hot mix samples. This may result in an increase in Marshall density causing a reduction in VMA and air voids content. Initial plant production should be closely monitored to confirm mix design properties and to make necessary adjustments to the target asphalt content and/or aggregate proportions. Significant changes may require additional mix design testing.



### TABLE NO. 1 SUMMARY OF MARSHALL PROPERTIES

### **HIGHWAY 3:08**

Binder Content % by Mass of AggTotal	Density kg/m³_	Marshall Stability kN	Retained Stability	Flow _µm_	VMA _%_	Air Voids ——%	Voids Filled %
4.7 4.5	2338	14.8	-	2.4	14.7	6.1	59
5.2 4.9	2361	16.4	-	2.7	14.2	4.6	68
5.5 5.2	2368	15.8	96	2.9	14.2	3.9	73
5.7 5.4	2377	15.6		3.1	14.1	3.3	77
6.2 6.8	2383	15.3	-	3.4	14.3	2.4	83
Mixing Temperature:	145°C			Bulk Relativ	-	.617	
Compaction Temp.:	135 °C		Binder Rela	ative Density	-	.03	
Blows/Face (Manual)	75		Binder Abs	arption, %	0	.75	

Aggregate: See Attached Sieve Analysis



### SAGRA Earth & Environmental

## SIEVE ANALYSIS REPO

TO: SOUTH ROCK LTD. P.O. BOX 460

MEDCINE HAT ALBERTA

ATTN: MR. R.W.FORFYLOW P.Eng.

OFFICE. CALGARY

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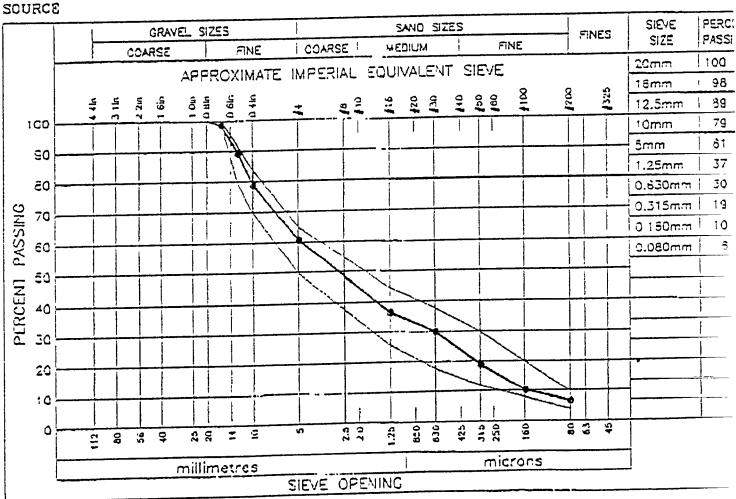
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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION LABORATORY BLEND

COMMENTS 60% COARSE. 22% MANUFACTURED FINES. 9% BLEND SAND #1, 9% BLEND SAND #2 (McCOLLOUGH) PERCENT CRUSH (PLUS 5mm MATERIAL, 2 FACES) 94%

AGRA Earth & Environme Limited

Reporting of these test results constitutes a testing service only. Engineering interpretation or evaluation of the test results is provided this on written request.



### SIEVE ANALYSIS REPORT

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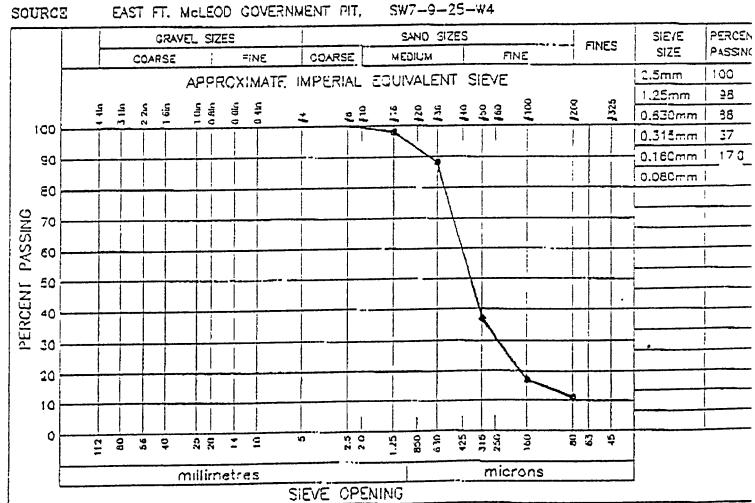
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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION SLEND SAND # 1

COMMENTS

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# APPENDIX B DETAILED CONSTRUCTION NOTES

SECTION: 81A901 DATE November 22, 1995

LANE: Travel LIFT: Bottom (#1)

PAVING TIMES:

WIDTH. 7.2 meters START. 7:45 a.m.

END. 9.50 a.m.

Conditions. Cold, Cloudy and Breezy

	Uncompacted	Mat	
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
14+520	82	125	Air Temp = -3c - Surface tacked prior to placement
14+555	75	148	Mix is much finer than superpave mixes.
14+570	75	155	Mix looks drier than superpave but not too dry.
14+585	85	153	
14+600	80	155	
14+615	80	150	
14+660	77	157	
14+675	80	158	
14+690	70	150	
14+705	77	155	
14+720	85	153	Samples taken by ATU and contractor
14+735	77	152	8:25 a.m Snow flurries
14+750	75	150	
14+765	77	160	
14+780	77	148	
14+795	78	156	
14+810	75	156	
14+825	80	156	Paver stopped for 5 min waiting on trucks
14+840	77	151	
14+855	75	144	Paver stopped for 2 min waiting on trucks
14+880	78	148	Paver stopped for 5 min waiting on trucks
14+910	75	140	Paver stopped for 15 min waiting on trucks
14+940	70	135	Paver stopped for 8 min waiting on trucks
14+965	70	144	
14+980	70	139	Air Temp = -1c
Average	76.8	149.5	
Std Dev	4.1	8.1	

SECTION: 81A901 DATE: November 22, 1995

LANE. Travel LIFT: Top (#2)

PAVING TIMES:

WIDTH: 7.1meters START: 10 35 a m

END: 12.05 p.m.

Weather

Conditions Cold, Cloudy and Breezy

	I	N -4	
	Uncompacted		
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
14+515	80	131	Air Temp = -1c - Surface tacked prior to placement
14+550	70	136	
14+575	68	129	
14+600	80	130	
14+640	80	136	
14+675	82	144	
14+690	80	141	Slight segregation in mat - fixed by hand
14+705	80	138	
14+720	85	138	
14+735	77	126	
14+750	80	142	Samples collected by ATU
14+765	85	140	
14+780			Paver stopped for 7 min waiting on trucks
14+795	80	142	Four rollers being used
14+810	80	135	Finish roller is vibrating and surface temp is 89c
14+825	83	132	•
14+840	83	143	
14+855	80	142	
14+890	80	144	
14+920	80	142	
14+950	73	142	Large area of segregation in middle of mat -
14+970	75	141	repaired by hand.
14+985	72	132	Air Temp = 0c
Average	78.8	137.5	
Std Dev	4.5	5.4	

 SECTION:
 81A902
 DATE
 November 21, 1995

LANE: Travel LIFT: Bottom (#1)

PAVING TIMES:

 WIDTH.
 7.2 meters
 START:
 7:45 a.m.

 END.
 9:30 a.m

Weather

Conditions Clear and Sunny

	Uncompacted	Mat	
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
13+700	75	135	Air Temperature = 5c
13+750	70	128	Paver stopped - Breakdown for ~ 40 min.
13+780	75	123	
13+795	70	121	
13+810	70	126	
13+825	67	126	Contractor collecting samples
13+840	70	127	
13+855	70	134	
13+870	73	128	Temperature inside mat = 142c
13+895	80	113	
13+920	70	110	Paver stopped for ~ 10 min - waiting for trucks
13+950	75	101	
13+975	80	109	
14+000	75	104	Cleaned out paver at stn 14+000
Average	72.9	120.4	
Std Dev	4 0	11 0	

DATE November 21, 1995 SECTION. 81A902 LIFT: LANE: Travel Top (#2) TIMES: **PAVING** WIDTH. 7.1 meters START: 5 25 p.m 6.50 p.m. END: Weather

Conditions<sup>1</sup>

Cool and Dark

	Uncompacted	Mat	
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
13+520	134	75	Air temp = 1c, Paving joint offset right 75mm
13+535	136	70	
13+550	136	80	
13+575	135	77	
13+600	131	70	120c during breakdown rolling, 129c in mat
13+650	133	75	Intermediate roller directly behind breakdown roller
13+675	137	70	
13+690	132	75	
13+705	141	75	
13+720	138	75	
13+735	135	75	
13+750	136	75	
13+765	136	77	Temperature in mat behind paver is 138c
13+780	136	77	
13+795	136	75	
13+810	130	75	
13+825	136	73	
13+840	135	78	
13+855	141	75	
13+870	136	75	
13+895	137	80	
13+920	138	80	
13+950	136	72	
13+975	137	85	Air temp = -1c
Average	135 8	75.6	
Std Dev	2.6	3.5	

SECTION: 81A903 DATE: November 21, 1995

LANE· Travel LIFT: Bottom (#1)

PAVING TIMES.

WIDTH. 7.2 meters START: 11:27 a.m.

END: 1:15 p.m.

Weather

Conditions: Cool and Partly Cloudy

	Uncompacted		
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
14+060	70	110	Air Temp = 9c
14+075	73	126	
14+090	75	116	
14+105	70	111	
14+120	70	117	
14+135	75	123	
14+150	80	125	Numerous samples - ATU, EBA, AGRA & contractor
14+175	90	124	
14+190	87	133	
14+205	95	138	
14+220	85	138	
14+235	75	133	
14+250	75	135	
14+265	75	125	
14+280	78	123	
14+295	85	119	
14+310	81	115	
14+325	75	124	
14+340	85	123	Mat temp = 134c
14+355	80	128	Paver stopped for 5 min waiting on trucks
14+385	75	128	Paver stopped for 3 min waiting on trucks
14+400	80	124	
14+420	80	126	
14+440	82		Paver stopped for 7 min waiting on trucks - No temp
14+460	85	114	
14+480	80	121	
14+500	80	121	
Average	79.3	123.8	
Std Dev	6.2	7 <i>.</i> 5	])

SECTION: 81A903 DATE: November 21, 1995

LANE: Travel LIFT: Top (#1)

PAVING TIMES:

 WIDTH:
 7.1meters
 START:
 2:00 p.m.

END: 3:15 p.m.
Weather

Conditions: Cool and Cloudy

	Uncompacted		
Construction	Thickness	Temperature	
Station	(mm)	(°C)	Comments
14+060	72	114	Air Temp = 8c
14+075	80	114	
14+090	75	113	
14+105	75	125	Paver slipping - pulled with blade
14+120	70	121	
14+135	80	124	
14+150	75	118	
14+175	75	119	
14+190	77	125	
14+205	75	118	
14+220	80	126	
14+235	75	126	
14+250	75	127	
14+265	77	124	
14+280	75	125	
14+295	75	123	
14+310	75	123	
14+325	70	122	
14+340	75	126	
14+355	80	119	
14+385	75	120	
14+400	75	125	Paver slipping - stopped for 2 min.
14+420	80	130	
14+440	75	126	
14+460	80	126	
14+480	80	128	
14+500	70	120	Air Temp = 6c
Average	75.8	122.5	
Std Dev	3.1	4.4	